

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action mailed October 17, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the amendment after final would not be entered because it raises new issues that would require further consideration or search and because it is not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal. The Examiner repeated the status of the claims as set forth in the final Office Action, namely, that claims 2-5, 7 and 14-17 are objected to and that claims 1, 6 and 8-13 are rejected.

In view of the non-entry of the first amendment after final, applicant has elected to accept the subject matter indicated to be allowable in the final Office Action in order to expedite issuance of the patent. Thus in accordance with this second amendment after final, allowable dependent claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1, and claim 1 has been canceled.

Claims 3-5 depend on allowable claim 2 and are thus likewise allowable. Claim 6 has been amended to change its dependency from now-canceled claim 1 to claim 2, thereby placing claim 6 in allowable form.

Claims 7-13 have been canceled.

Allowable dependent claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of base

claim 8 and intervening claims 11-13, thereby placing claim 14 in allowable form. Claims 15-17 depend on allowable claim 14 and are therefore likewise allowable.

As a result of the amendments made herein, all of the rejected claims have been canceled except for dependent claim 6, which has been amended to depend on claim 2 rather than now-canceled claim 1. Thus only allowable claims 2-6 and 14-17 remain pending in the application.

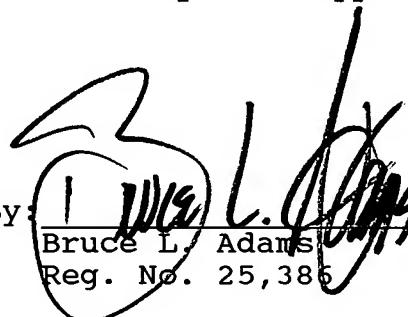
The claim amendments made herein do not raise any new issue that would require further search or consideration. To the contrary, the claim amendments do, on their face, place the application in condition for allowance by limiting the claims to the subject matter previously indicated to be allowable.

In the event the Examiner determines that something further need to be done to place the application in allowable form, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney whereupon any outstanding matter will promptly attended to.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and entry of this amendment together with allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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